

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

JEAN-PIERRE TAHON ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 09/689,632

Group Art Unit 1772

Filed: October 13, 2000

Examiner: S. Hon

LIQUID CRYSTAL ALIGNMENT LAYER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / ~~a response~~ in the above-identified application.

 X No additional fee is required.
 An additional fee is required as calculated below -

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Small Entity | | Other Than A Small Entity | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | Rate | Add'l Fee | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | _____ | Minus * _____ | _____ | x \$ 9 | \$ _____ | x \$18 | \$ _____ |
| Indep | _____ | Minus * _____ | _____ | x \$42 | \$ _____ | x \$84 | \$ _____ |
| First Presentation of Mul Dep Claim..... | | | | x \$140 | \$ _____ | x\$280 | \$ _____ |
| Total Additional Fee..... | | | | \$ _____ | | \$ _____ | |

* The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.

 This response is being filed within the period for response.

 X Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

 X First-Month Extension..... \$ ~~55.00~~ / \$ 110.00
 Second-Month Extension..... \$ 205.00 / \$ 410.00
 Third-Month Extension..... \$ 465.00 / \$ 930.00

 Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 17, 2003
 (703) 684-6885

By Wang Breiner
 Attorney of Record, Reg. No. 33,161

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Alexandria, Virginia
April 17, 2003

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A M E N D M E N T

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed December
19, 2002, please amend the captioned application as set
forth below.